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PROTECTION AGAINST GAS

1. General

Events abroad have amply demonstrated that civilians as well as a nation's armed forces must be prepared to withstand any means of attack that an enemy may employ. Among these is chemical warfare, commonly known as gas warfare. If war gas were to be used in an attack upon this country, an enemy would probably act without warning in order to exploit the effect to the utmost. It is essential for civilian defense, therefore, that information and training be given in protection against gas. Thorough preparation is the surest way to reduce the number of casualties and perhaps even to discourage use of war gas entirely.

2. Text

The War Department has prepared for the Office of Civilian Defense a special textbook entitled "Protection Against Gas", which covers this subject in a very excellent manner and which has been adopted as the Civil Air Patrol text for this course.

3. Distribution of Text

Copies of this text will be distributed to units on the basis of two copies per unit.

4. Requirement

Unit commanders are hereby directed to see that all members of their commands are given a thorough course of instruction in this subject.

5. Instruction Procedure

As effective instruction in protection against gas calls for a knowledge of chemistry, human anatomy, advanced first aid, medicine and other allied subjects, it is recommended that the instructors selected to conduct this course be enlisted from the ranks of the medical profession.

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